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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ahshik Kim

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 4,5,6,7.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: .

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DETAILED ACTION

Continuation Data

1. Acknowledged this application is a continuation application of PCT/DE99/00139 filed

5 January 20, 1999.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

10 A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

15 2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hiramatsu (US 5,180,901).

Re claims 1, 2, 4-6, and 8, Hiramatsu teaches an IC card (or smart card) 10 for biometric authentication, comprising at least one sensor: a pressure sensor 1, and an authentication sensor 3 (col. 4, lines 13+) installed in the respective openings. The pressure sensor 1 includes pressure-sensing electrodes 14 (col. 5, lines 40+; see figure 6) and the authentication sensor 3, which is comprised of various circuitries such as light emitting diodes 17 (col. 5, lines 62+; see figure 7). The card is in the form of ATM card or a typical credit card (col. 1, lines 20+) further disclosing dimensional measurement of a card and other data-carrying medium such as embossed characters, magnetic/optical/IC storage, which can be integrated into the card. As further
25 disclosed in figure 3, the card contains microprocessor 9, A/D converter 2, and various circuitries

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for image capturing, pressure sensing and authentication process (col. 4, lines 57+), and the component parts are connected in order to perform the mentioned tasks above.

Re claims 3 and 7, as shown in figure 5, the card is layered with a silicon substrate 15, a diaphragm 16, and a base layer 13 (col. 5, lines 27+). Although the base layer 13 is glass, a conventional ATM/credit card utilizes various polycarbonate materials.

Conclusion

I. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Seelbach et al. (US 6345761); Smith (US 6012636); Asplund et al. (US 5801367); Bradley et al. (US 6024286); Lin et al. (US 6360953); Vardanyan et al. (US 6079621); Salatino et al. (US 5920640) disclose IC card and various biometric authentication methods.

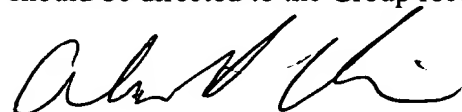
II. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Ahshik Kim* whose telephone number is (703)305-5203. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 6:00AM to 3:00PM Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax number directly to the Examiner is (703) 746-4782. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)308-7722, (703)308-7724, or (703)308-7382.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.



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